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## **SYNOD WOMEN SUPPORT BIBLE DEPARTMENT**

Presbyterian women of South Carolina will focus on the Bible department of Presbyterian College as a special project for increased support.

That's the announcement today from Mrs. R. Grier Robinson of Charleston, president of the Women-of-the-Church of the South Carolina Synod, who said that each local church group has been urged to place this department in its budget for 1959.

### **Recommended to 301 Local Groups**

Mrs. Robinson pointed out the synodical executive board, at a recent meeting, officially recommended the Bible department as a worthy project for the 301 local women's organizations throughout the state. She said the action has received strong endorsement from the membership, and a number of the groups already are at work on it.

Dr. Marshall W. Brown, president of Presbyterian College, expressed deep appreciation for the increasingly strong interest and support of the dedicated Presbyterian women of South Carolina. He said that when this new program reaches its full potentiality it will stand as a major contribution to the forward strides of the institution.

### **A Program Producing Christian Leaders**

Dr. Brown pointed out the Bible department is the keystone of the religious training which annually sends forth from Presbyterian College scores of ministerial candidates and future lay leaders to nourish the life and growth of the Church. Statistics show that one of every ten ministers in the Presbyterian Church US and one of every four in the South Carolina Synod are Presbyterian College alumni. In addition, more than one-fourth of the present student body of Columbia Theological Seminary are PC graduates.

### **Scholarly Professors Direct Training**

Three scholarly ordained Presbyterian ministers are charged with the Bible department responsibility at PC. Dr. T. Layton Fraser (AB, BD, STM, Th.D.), author of numerous religious workbooks used by colleges and young people's conferences, is senior professor of Bible. Dr. Joseph M. Gettys (BA, STB, STM, Ph.D.), prominent religious writer and teacher, joined the faculty as professor of Bible two years ago. And serving as associate professor of Bible and Greek is Lewis Scott Hay (BA, BD, Th.M.), a PC alumnus who returned here in 1955 directly from graduate work at the seminary.

## Stevenson Returns To English Department

Dr. John W. Stevenson is returning to Presbyterian College as professor of English after spending the past year on the faculty of Millsaps College.

President Marshall W. Brown said Dr. Stevenson will resume his position here at the start of the 78th session next September. He had taught in the PC English department for seven years before joining the Millsaps staff last fall.

President Brown also pointed out that, on the recommendation of Dr. John W. Harris, Stevenson will assume the chairmanship of the English department upon his return. Dr. Harris, who has served as chairman since 1944, will continue to teach certain advanced courses in English.

John W. Stevenson joined the Presbyterian College faculty in 1950, immediately after receiving his Master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He earned his doctorate from that institution in 1954. His main interest centers around literary criticism, and Dr. Stevenson has had two articles published in recent years in the South Atlantic Quarterly.

## Senior Has Grant

George Jacks, Presbyterian College senior from Mountville, has been awarded an assistantship to pursue graduate work at Clemson next year.

Dr. Neil Whitelaw, head of the PC physics department, announced this week that Jacks will receive a grant of \$1,400 as an assistant in physics and mathematics. The program provides

## PC Paper Cited As All-American

The Presbyterian College student newspaper has received its 12th All-American honor rating, according to the Associated Collegiate Press critical service.

In receiving the ACP's highest stamp of approval, The Blue Stocking thus continues to maintain a distinguished tradition which twice has found the PC student weekly ranked among the ten best college newspapers in the nation, regardless of the size of the institution.

The latest award goes to the first-semester issues of the current session which were edited by Lyman Harris of Birmingham, Ala. Criticism analyzed coverage, content and physical properties, and the Blue Stocking was cited in particular for its creativeness, story leads, features, editorial page features, sports coverage and editorial page makeup.

Top staff members serving under Harris in producing the award-winning newspaper were: Roger Godwin of College Park, Ga., managing editor; Ronald Bartlett of Atlanta, business manager; Mike Andrews of Charlotte, news editor; Bill Yearick of Miami, sports editor; John Summers of Charlotte, feature editor; and Joe Hardin of Greenwood, S. C., fraternity editor. The faculty advisor is Ben Hay Hammet, director of public relations and alumni affairs.

for study in fields of physics and the opportunity to spend a semester at the Savannah River Plant of the Atomic Energy Commission, being paid there while working out a thesis in nuclear science.

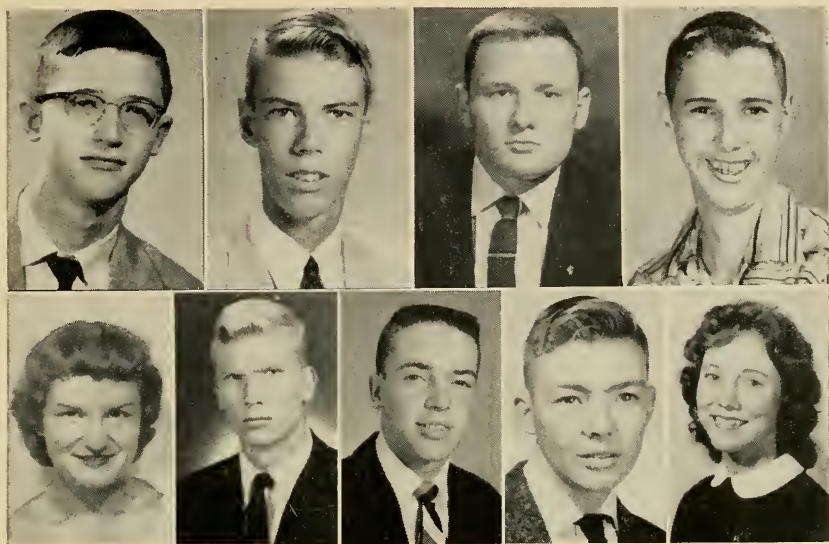
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## Founder's Scholarship Winners



Founder's Scholarships have been awarded to these nine high school seniors who plan to enroll at Presbyterian College next September. The competitive awards, ranging up to \$2,000 for the four years of study, were made on the basis of character, intellect and leadership after thorough testing and interviews from among a large field of candidates. Recipients are, left to right: Top row—Gerald Pitts of Laurens, S. C. (one of South Carolina's few National Merit Scholarship winners who will come under this program rather than the Founder's grant); Sanders Reed of McClellanville, S. C.; Tom Carlisle of Lyman, S. C.; and Robert L. Bethea of Louisville, Ga.; Bottom row—Miss Mary Jo Sistrunk of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; Andrew C. McGaughey III of Marietta, Ga.; Jimmy Thompson of Manning, S. C.; Carl W. Adams of Shaw Air Force Base, S. C.; and Miss Alice Frances Watkins of Augusta, Ga.

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## Record Attendance Expected For Synodical School

Advance reservations, running higher than previous years, indicate another record attendance may be in the making for the South Carolina Synodical Training School at Presbyterian College, June 16-21.

Two outstanding speakers have just been added to the program of this 11th annual session. Mrs. R. Grier Robinson of Charleston, school dean, previously had announced a topflight faculty to teach the Presbyterian women who attend.

The latest speakers added to the program are:

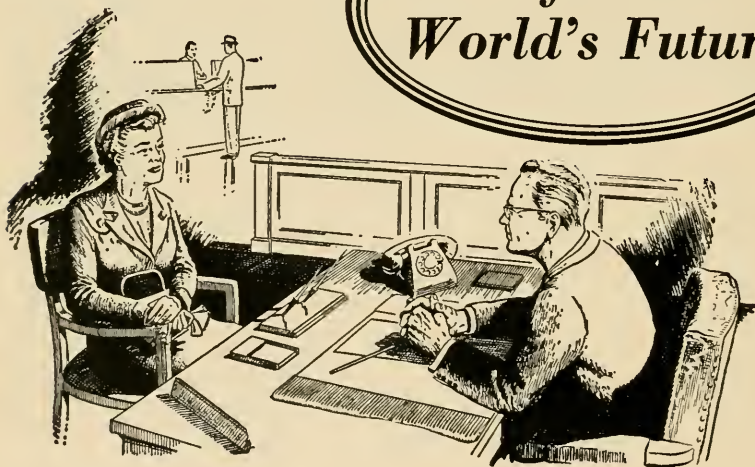
Dr. Marc C. Weersing, pastor of the Spartanburg First Presbyte-

rian Church and chairman of the Synod committee on women's work, who will deliver the address at the opening night banquet on June 16; and Mrs. L.C.M. Smythe of Charleston, recently returned missionary to Japan, who will speak on the evening of June 18. Mrs. Smythe also will remain throughout the session to assist with conference periods, at morning devotionals and vespers.



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**TRUST OFFICER  
TO WOMAN:**

Madam, you are exactly right. What America needs more than new inventions and more materials is citizens with more character and faith. I myself am convinced that the colleges doing most to give us this kind of men and women are our church colleges. We Presbyterians have some of the best. In my opinion, you could make no better investment than by leaving a bequest to a Presbyterian college.

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